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## RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Madam:

Responsive to the Office Action dated October 14, 2008, Applicants elect Group VII (claims 94-96). The election is made with traverse. Applicant respectfully submits that at least claims 87-93 can and should be examined together with claims 94-96, since examination would not impose a serious burden on the examiner.

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